

MATTHEW W. HART
TOWN MANAGER
TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

BIOGRAPHY

Matt Hart is the Town Manager of West Hartford, Connecticut, a full service municipality with a population of 63,268. West Hartford is an award-winning community known for its diversity, excellent schools and municipal services, and great quality of life. West Hartford has operated under the Council-Manager form of government since 1919, the first municipality in Connecticut and one of the first in the country to adopt this form of government.

Matt is an accomplished manager and leader with broad experience in local government. He values open government, democratic processes, and teamwork, and has a passion for leadership and public service.

On July 31, 2017, Matt began his tenure as West Hartford's ninth Town Manager. Previously, Matt served as Town Manager in Mansfield, Connecticut, where he played a critical role in the development of *Storrs Center*, a mixed-use, *New Urbanism* project located adjacent to the University of Connecticut's main campus. Also in Mansfield, Matt worked successfully with his team to strengthen the Town's financial position through sound budgeting, capital planning, and debt management, and to improve the Town's infrastructure.

Prior to his tenure in Mansfield, Matt served as Assistant to Town Manager in Windsor, Connecticut. In addition, Matt has experience working in the private sector and is a veteran of the US Army and US Army National Guard.

The UCONN Master of Public Affairs Program has recognized Matt for his contributions to the field of public administration and the school. During Matt's tenure as Town Manager, Mansfield was designated an Urban Land Institute *Global Awards for Excellence* Finalist in 2015 and named one of American City & County's *Crown Communities* for 2016.

Matt is an active member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), serving on the organization's Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee. Furthermore, Matt is an ICMA credentialed manager, one of only 12 in the state of Connecticut. He was past president of the Connecticut Town and City Management Association (CTCMA). Matt is honored to commence his term in October 2017 as a Vice President on the Board of Directors for ICMA and looks forward to representing his colleagues in the Northeast region and around the globe.

Matt earned his *Juris Doctor* (JD) and Master's in Public Affairs (MPA) from the University of Connecticut, and his Bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Potsdam.

Matt resides in West Hartford with his wife and two daughters.